Grassland Reserve Program
FY 2005
Ranking Sheet
Directions

The ranking sheet is divided into 5 areas of concern.

I. Risk of Conversion
II. Restoration Requirements
III. Wildlife Habitat and Biodiversity Potential
IV. Extent of Protection
V. Support of Existing Grazing and Ag Operations

These are the same 5 categories as last year. However, there is a shifting of emphasis this year away from the vast populated areas of the state. The direction we are given is not to compete with the Farm & Ranchland Protection Program or the State Farmland Preservation programs.

You will note the shift in the weights for that.

Ia. Land capability classes of the offered land should fall into one of these categories as listed. Measure the soil types present of the offered acres and assign points accordingly. Max 20 points.

Ib. Threat of Conversion refers to the attached chart by county. Locate your county and pick the number off the chart that corresponds to it.
Max 20 points.

IIa. Existing grassland cover.

1. If 100% of the offered acres are in existing grassland cover they receive the maximum points. (This can include up to 10% incidental land. Incidental land can include small groves of trees, shrubs*, a building, working pen, etc. that we would like to remain control of so no future development of houses, etc. could occur. **15 pts.**
2. If 90% of the offered acres are in existing grassland cover they receive the next lowest score (again 10% of this 90% can be incidental land) the other 10% could be cropland for conversion or existing shrubs*. **10 pts.**
3. If 75% of the offered acres are in existing grassland cover they receive the next lowest score (again 10% of this 75% can be incidental land) the other 25% could be cropland for conversion or existing shrubs*. **5 pts.**
4. If 50% of the offered acres are in existing grassland cover they receive the next lowest score (again 10% of the 50% can be incidental land) the other 50% could be cropland for conversion or some existing shrubland*. **3 pts.**